Delay in Handing Over of Flats by DDA

508. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that actual handing over of flats/plots/shops is unduly delayed by the D.D.A. for many months/years after it has received full payment from the allottees;

(b) whether it also a fact that even after receiving the possession, the allottees find that essential services like electricity, water, approach roads or sewers remain to be provided or are not functioning properly;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to remove these defects and for the future, improve the procedures and pinpoint responsibility on concerned erring officials with a view to awarding deterrent punishment; and

(d) whether Government propose to pay a penal interest of 18 per cent per annum if the plots/houses are not handed over within six weeks after the full payment is received by the D.D.A.?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The possession letters are issued immediately after receipt of payment and on production of required documents within the stipulated period. However, on occasions possession letters could not be issued in respect of residential plots allotted in Rohini Residential scheme due to non availability of basic civic amenities.

(b) and (c) All the essential facilities are already available in most of the cases when the possession is handed over. However some cases external electrification and water supply may be in progress.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Disparity in Wages to Departmental Labour in FCI

509. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that disparity exists in the wages paid to the departmentalised labour employed at F.C.I. depots in Bihar, Orissa, Assam, U.P., Delhi and those employed by the FCI at Calcutta port and city godowns and their depots in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to revise the wage structure with a view to remove the disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On a writ petition filed by the FCI Workers Union, the Supreme Court gave judgement recently extending the same wages and benefits as being enjoyed by the departmental workers in ports and port city godowns to the FCI handling workers working in Bihar, Orissa, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi. The FCI will take appropriate action after examination of the judgement.

Setting up of Vanaspati Plants in the Country

510. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up Vanaspati plants in the country; and

(b) if so, in which State and for what capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) This Department has recommended two applications for setting up of Vanaspati units in U.P. for a capacity of 15,000 MT per annum each,